

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in the application. Claim 5 is canceled, leaving claims 1-4 and 6-20 for consideration. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 11-16. In reliance thereon, the subject matter of claim 5 is added to claim 1.

The Official Action stated that claims 7-20 should be renumbered 6-19 to preserve the claim numbering throughout prosecution. This claim objection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-7 were originally presented in the application. In the Preliminary Amendment of March 11, 2002, claims 3, 4, 5 and 7 were amended to correct multiple claim dependency. Also in the amendment of March 11, 2002, new claims 8-20 were added. Therefore, on March 11, 2002, claims 1-20 were presented for consideration. By the present amendment, claim 5 is canceled, leaving claims 1-4 and 6-20.

If the set of claims on file at the Patent Office is different from those as described above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the below-named attorney so that any inconsistencies can be rectified.

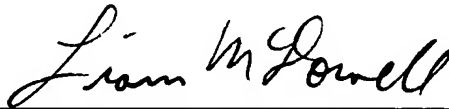
Since the claims remaining in the application are directed to subject matter indicated as allowable or depend from such a claim, and since all formal matters are believed

addressed, the application is believed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or under 37 C.F.R.\$1.17.

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